

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.**

In the Matter of)	
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HolstonConnect, LLC,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	MB Docket No. 19-60
v.)	CSR 8974-C
)	
Nexstar Media Group, Inc.,)	
Defendant)	

MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF LATE-FILED OPPOSITION

Nexstar Media Group, Inc. (“Nexstar”)¹ respectfully requests that the Commission accept Nexstar’s concurrently-filed Opposition to the captioned good-faith negotiation complaint (the “Complaint”) by HolstonConnect, LLC (“HolstonConnect”).

HolstonConnect filed its Complaint on March 4, 2019. On March 14, 2019, the Complaint appeared on a Commission public notice entitled “Special Relief and Show Cause Petitions.”² Nexstar inadvertently read Section 76.7(b)(1) of the Commission’s rules as governing the due date for Nexstar’s opposition to the Complaint. Section 76.7(b)(1) provides that comments or oppositions to “petitions” may be submitted “within twenty (20) days after the date of public notice of the filing of such petition.” Because the Commission had given public notice of the Complaint in a document titled “Special Relief and Show Cause Petitions,” Nexstar believed that its opposition to the Complaint was due 20 days from the Notice, or April 3, 2019.

¹ Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc. is the FCC licensee and owner of television broadcast stations WATE, Knoxville, Tennessee and WJHL, Johnson City, Tennessee. Nexstar Media Group, Inc. is the parent of Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc.

² *Public Notice*, “Special Relief and Show Cause Petitions,” Report No. 0478 (Mar. 14, 2019) (the “Notice”).

On March 27, 2019, however, Nexstar was contacted informally by Media Bureau staff and advised that the deadline for its opposition was instead governed by Section 76.7(b)(2)(ii). That section provides that an “answer” to a “complaint” shall be filed within 20 days of service of the complaint, rather than 20 days from the public notice of its filing.

Nexstar regrets its misinterpretation of the applicable Section 76.7 time provisions, but believes that neither HolstonConnect nor the Commission has been prejudiced thereby. Nexstar received service of the Complaint on March 5, 2019, and its Opposition thus was due on March 25, 2019. Nexstar is filing its Opposition a mere one week after that date. It is also worth noting that Nexstar’s General Counsel has just returned from a two-week vacation. Had Nexstar understood that its Opposition would be due on March 25, counsel would have requested a brief extension of time to file the Opposition until after she returned. In any case, the Opposition is being filed on the first business day after counsel’s return and, as noted above, just one week after the prescribed deadline. In these circumstances, Nexstar believes no prejudice to any party would result from the Opposition’s acceptance.

For the foregoing reasons, Nexstar requests that the Commission accept and consider its concurrently-filed Opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Elizabeth Ryder, Executive Vice President & General Counsel of Nexstar Media Group, Inc., hereby certify on this 1st day of April, 2019 that a copy of the foregoing "Opposition of Nexstar Media Group, Inc. to Complaint of HolstonConnect, LLC" was sent as follows:

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